



# Mixed metaphors



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**MOOD:** 😞 distressed

**MUSIC:** Gary Numan - Dark

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>What is a grue?

The grue is a sinister, lurking presence in the  
dark places of the earth. Its favorite diet is  
papershufflers, but its insatiable appetite is  
tempered by its fear of light. No grue has ever  
been seen by the light of day, and few have  
survived its fearsome jaws to tell the tale.

>S

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You have been eaten by a **grue**.



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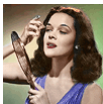
### Experimental Whole Wheat Green Chile Robot Bread #1

Yes, baking with your hands is more fun. And the results have a better texture, and taste better.

### [locked] Dream Journal

All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

52 comments



#### Curses!

 Ometotchtli

March 6 2008, 13:11:23 UTC    COLLAPSE

It is better to light a candle than be eaten by a grue.



#### Re: Curses!

 charlottezweb

March 6 2008, 13:40:35 UTC    COLLAPSE

It is better to light the paperwork, than be eaten by a grue.



#### Re: Curses!

 cvillette

March 6 2008, 15:19:04 UTC    COLLAPSE

As I was just explaining below, I can't find the matches.

Also, photo emulsion burns nasty.

#### Re: Curses!

 colomon

March 6 2008, 14:53:37 UTC    COLLAPSE

Seems like lighting the paperwork would be a nice compromise solution...



#### Re: Curses!

 cvillette

March 6 2008, 15:17:17 UTC    COLLAPSE

It would have been, but I can't find the dratted matches.

#### Re: Curses!


 [kitanzi](#)

[March 6 2008, 21:22:58 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Maybe sufficient levels of frustration will substitute for friction and cause spontaneous combustion? Or at least a fierce enough temper to set things alight by sheer verbal explosiveness? Or is your temper of a quieter sort?



**[Re: Curses!](#)**

 [trollcatz](#)

[March 6 2008, 15:00:06 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Well, see, he was supposed to go forward until he saw a candle...

>pick up candle

then continue on until he got to the box of matches.



**[Re: Curses!](#)**

 [cvillette](#)

[March 6 2008, 15:17:46 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

No candles. No matches.

Just grues.

And gruesomes.



**[Re: Curses!](#)**

 [trollcatz](#)

[March 6 2008, 15:24:42 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Gruesomes are the significant others of grues.

Or no, wait! We're working on the Human Gruesome Project!



**[Re: Curses!](#)**

 [cvillette](#)

[March 6 2008, 15:32:05 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

A gruesome is anything involving three or more corpses. Or three or more pieces of corpses.



**[Re: Curses!](#)**

 [inaurolillium](#)

[March 6 2008, 20:01:42 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Pieces of three or more corpses, or three or more pieces of one-or-more corpse.

Also, didn't you pick up the brass lantern? It was just outside the door to the records room, on the table with the brown paper sack. You'll want that sack later, too. ;)



**Re: Curses!**

 **cvillette**

March 6 2008, 21:48:55 UTC    COLLAPSE

I must have come in on a teleport. I just looked up and there was all this paper! Everywhere!



**Re: Curses!**


 **kitanzi**

March 6 2008, 22:14:03 UTC    COLLAPSE

Maybe a pile of paperwork on the table fell and hid the lantern? Too bad.... er, I mean good thing the pile didn't catch fire when it did. Really lucky, that. (Better luck next time!)



**Re: Curses!**

 **inaurolillium**

March 7 2008, 03:45:14 UTC    COLLAPSE

If you hadn't already been eaten by the grue, you'd be awfully sorry you didn't have that brown paper bag. It had your lunch in it!

You totally stepped on a level-teleport trap, didn't you? (Drat, that's not Zork, that's NetHack.)



 **trollcatz**

March 6 2008, 14:56:56 UTC    COLLAPSE

Ah, my tribe. Our shared culture. Some things you never forget.

Unfortunately, that's probably true of this paperwork, too. At least Dad isn't taking long lunches or playing solitaire on the computer.



 **cvillette**

March 6 2008, 15:19:27 UTC    COLLAPSE

He knows we have guns.



 **glinda\_w**

March 6 2008, 22:23:35 UTC    COLLAPSE

Totally off-topic, but you could probably use the distraction, so:

The first image behind the cut tag on today's Mythical Creature looks awfully familiar...



 **trollcatz**

March 7 2008, 01:57:25 UTC    COLLAPSE

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 **clarentine**

March 6 2008, 14:58:46 UTC   COLLAPSE

Oh, that takes me back...being eaten by a grue has got to be better than being captured by the Vogons so they can read poetry at you, however.




 Ometotchtli

March 6 2008, 15:19:59 UTC   COLLAPSE

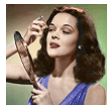
Or anything involving a yak, some lubricant, and several miles of tubing.



 trollcatz

March 6 2008, 15:26:30 UTC   COLLAPSE

Yaks get a totally unjustified bad rap. It's not their fault those Tibetan guys let their butter go rancid and put it in tea.



 Ometotchtli

March 6 2008, 15:36:52 UTC   COLLAPSE

And they have sweet faces.

But I still wouldn't date one.



 saltypepper

March 6 2008, 15:51:43 UTC   COLLAPSE

Even if he was a really good cook?



 mamculuna

March 6 2008, 16:58:37 UTC   COLLAPSE

I'm not selling, but was fascinated to learn that you can buy a yak, in case that would help with grues.



 kitanzi

March 6 2008, 21:23:48 UTC   COLLAPSE

Only if you set the yak on fire, and that seems rather hard on the yak.



 izzylobo

March 6 2008, 22:55:01 UTC   COLLAPSE

Well, the grue might eat the yak first, giving you time to escape...



 kitanzi

March 7 2008, 13:12:55 UTC   COLLAPSE

Sure, but either way if there's more than one grue around you need to have a herd of disposable yaks, and that's hard to carry around with you.



[mamculuna](#)

[March 7 2008, 21:00:09 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Yak butter seems to burn humanely--maybe that would help?



[sprrwhwk](#)

[March 7 2008, 04:20:33 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Now a yak, some shaving cream, and a razor, on the other hand, is *absolutely essential* to making the problem at hand go away.

And a yak, a pair of skis, a long rope, and a bucket of nuts might make the problem at hand go away more permanently, albeit more... painfully.



[cvillette](#)

[March 7 2008, 15:47:15 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Yak-shaving! Now I know what to call it. We do that all the time.

And even I know second one is hooey. Totally.

Unless it's not.

Do they have a website for reservations?

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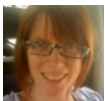
**Re: relics of the past**

[cvillette](#)

[March 6 2008, 15:52:50 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

I date older women. ;-)



**Re: relics of the past**

[charlottezweb](#)

[March 6 2008, 17:51:12 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Dude. As much as I'd rather be eaten by an older woman than a grue, um, so to speak, I'm not sure you should correlate them in a comment entitled "relics of the past."



**Re: relics of the past**

[cvillette](#)

[March 6 2008, 18:04:03 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Not my thread title!



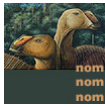
**Re: relics of the past**

[inaurolillium](#)

[March 6 2008, 20:02:42 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

I'm still going to remember that, if you ever do make it out to Seattle.



**Re: relics of the past**

 [cvillette](#)

[March 6 2008, 21:50:23 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

I'll be the guy hiding behind all the big mean scary girls. yipe!

**Re: relics of the past**

 [glinda\\_w](#)

[March 6 2008, 22:24:29 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

The ones here in Seattle, or the ones you work with? :)



**Re: relics of the past**

 [cvillette](#)

[March 7 2008, 01:37:48 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

I need the ones I work with to save me from the ones in Seattle.



**Re: relics of the past**

 [inaurolillium](#)

[March 7 2008, 03:43:17 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Honey, I suspect that they will be bringing folding chairs and popcorn. And possibly selling tickets.



**Re: relics of the past**

 [cvillette](#)

[March 7 2008, 04:06:09 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

And there's one of the most terrifying mental images of MY young life.



**Re: relics of the past**

 [inaurolillium](#)

[March 7 2008, 04:11:10 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

I win!

Don't worry, hon, anything past standard social humiliation will be thoroughly negotiated beforehand.



**Re: relics of the past**

 [cvillette](#)

[March 7 2008, 04:14:16 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

I'm not signing a damned thing until my lawyer reads it.



**Re: relics of the past**

 [inaurolillium](#)

[March 7 2008, 04:17:23 UTC](#)    [COLLAPSE](#)

Just wait until you see the fine print...

Hm. I should think up a *really good* safeword to give you.



**Re: relics of the past**



cvillette

March 7 2008, 04:24:08 UTC

COLLAPSE

No is a good safeword.

Also, no.

And no. Really. Especially to anything involving clothespins.



**Re: relics of the past**



inaurolillium

March 7 2008, 06:20:59 UTC

COLLAPSE

Okay. I promise, I only do such things with consent. It's okay, I know you're vanilla, that's why it's fun to tease you about the kinky stuff.



**Re: relics of the past**



cvillette

March 7 2008, 11:57:23 UTC

COLLAPSE

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I'd say I'm going to go hide under my bed, or in the closet, but I only see that giving you ideas.

::Hides under a cake pan instead::  
(She'll never find me here!)



**Re: relics of the past**



inaurolillium

March 7 2008, 12:34:41 UTC

COLLAPSE

If you hide under the cake pans, I cannot use them to bake you cake.

You can hide under the bed if you like, but I have never found hiding in closets to be particularly healthy for anyone.

Gah. Insomnia strikes again.



**Re: relics of the past**



cvillette

March 7 2008, 12:43:58 UTC

COLLAPSE

I thought I was defending you from the Dreaded European (Read French) Cakes Class.



Closets, in general, are tricky places.



**Re: relics of the past**

inauroliillum

March 7 2008, 12:46:09 UTC    COLLAPSE

We don't use cake pans in that class, just sheet pans, ring forms and frames.

Thanks for trying, though.

Remind me sometime to tell you the story of how I came out of the closet only to hide in one literally.

**Re: relics of the past**

txanne

March 7 2008, 15:54:38 UTC    COLLAPSE

Vanilla! King of Coyotes!



**Re: relics of the past**

sprrwhwk

March 7 2008, 04:14:03 UTC    COLLAPSE

I smell a wumpus. ;-)

cjtremlett

March 6 2008, 17:11:50 UTC    COLLAPSE

I have been eaten by a grue!

Well, a character of mine. But that was okay. It was a lame character. The next one had great stats except for charisma. That one was fun to play!



tesla\_aldrich

March 6 2008, 18:45:39 UTC    COLLAPSE

I <3 Infocom! Text-based ficta rock my world. ;)

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